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Beaverton Police Officers Made 42 DUII Arrests during the Month of March

The Beaverton Police Department is participating in a yearlong National Traffic Safety Campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers.

The Beaverton Police Department has officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and educate the motoring public about the dangers of driving impaired. During the month of April, officers will continue their efforts to take impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets. These High Visibly Enforcement (HVE) details are paid for by grant funds. So far this year Beaverton Police Officers have taken 106 impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol or using any other substance that impairs your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

The Officers working the HVE enforcement arrested 15 of the 42 motorists for driving while being impaired either by alcohol or controlled substances. The 42 motorists that were arrested in March had the potential to cause serious injury or death to themselves or other innocent people. The hope is that these individuals can get the assistance they might need to stop this behavior and make our community safer.

Did you know?

- Drunk driving is often a symptom of a larger problem: alcohol misuse and abuse.
- Alcohol-impaired motor vehicle crashes cost more than an estimated \$37 billion annually.
- In 2012, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes - one every 51 minutes.

The Beaverton Police Department takes impaired driving seriously and these grant funds allow us to have dedicated officers out looking for those impaired drivers.

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